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SUBJ: SPINY LOBSTER

- 1. EMBASSY RECEIVED VISIT FROM DAVID SWARTZ, PRESIDENT OF EAST COAST FISHERIES INC., MIAMI, FLORIDA. SWARTZ INFORMED EMBASSY THAT EAST COAST FISHERIES IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH AN UNNAMED BAHAMIAN FIRM ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:
 (A) EAST COAST FISHERIES WOULD SELL TEN BOATS TO THE BAHAMIAN COMPANY ON CONTRACT FOR TITLE I.E. EAST COAST FISHERIES WOULD DELIVER TITLE OF THE BOATS ONLY AFTER COMPLETE PURCHASE PRICE HAS BEEN PAID.
- (B) U.S. CITIZENS WOULD CAPTAIN THE BOATS UNTIL TITLE IS TRANSFERRED.
- (C) REGISTRY OF BOATS WOULD NOT BE CHANGED UNTIL PURCHASE PRICE HAS BEEN PAID.
- (D) EAST COAST FISHERIES WOULD RECEIVE LOBSTER FROM THESE BOATS UNTIL TITLE IS TRANSFERRED (COMMENT: SWARTZ DID NOT MAKE CLEAR IF LOBSTER WOULD GO TO EAST COAST FISHERIES AS PART OF PAYMENT FOR BOATS OR IF BAHAMIAN COMPANY WOULD JUST BE OBLIGED TO SELL TO EAST COAST FISHERIES).
- 2. SWARTZ SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (MINAG) TO INFORM THEM OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OUTLINED ABOVE.

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EM EMBASSY COMMENT: EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING OF BAHAMIAN LAW IS THAT SWARTZ'S PROPOSAL WOULD NOT BE LEGAL IN THE BAHAMAS. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS AVAILABLE. TAYLOR

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